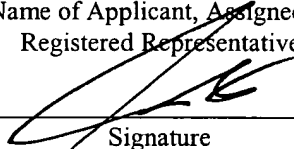


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In re Application of:	)		
Vyvoda et al.	)		
Serial No.:	)	Examiner:	F. Toledo
09/918,853	)		
Filed:	)	Group Art Unit:	2823
July 30, 2001	)		
For:	)		
Process for Fabricating a Dielectric	)		
Film Using Plasma Oxidation	)		

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
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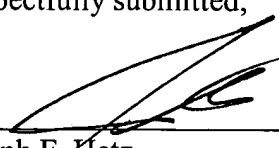
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 9, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-24, 35-40, and 55-153. A check for the \$330.00 Notice of Appeal fee is enclosed, as well as a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time.

Dated: April 15, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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